

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims

Claims 1-26 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-26 are currently cancelled.

Claims 27-37 are new.

New claims

The Applicant is respectfully submitting new claims 27-37 including independent claim 27 and dependent claims 28-37. Claims 27-37 are believed to be patentable over the prior art. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Considering the above arguments, the Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case for all pending claims. However, should it be found necessary or practical, the Applicant kindly invites the Examiner to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's agent of record, to facilitate the advancement of the present application.

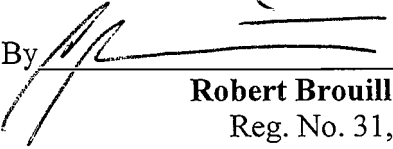
Additional Fees

Should any other fees whatsoever be due in connection with the present patent application, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any such additional fees to our Deposit Account no. 50-3436.

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